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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Urban Council

YESTERDAY'S Urban Council annual "speech day" differed from previous years only in that it ran longer, 16 Unofficials each insisting on making a contribution. This determination to "say something" is a trifle puzzling, particularly as the number of relevant subjects offering themselves for discussion are limited.

To learn what the Urban Council are thinking about and talking about the general public depends on newspaper reports. The newspapers, on their part, assume the responsibility of providing full and accurate reports. Therefore, if 16 members insist upon speaking in fairness each must be reported. The net result, however, is for the reader to be confronted with the task of poring through endless columns of views and opinions, many of which are repetitious. The reader becomes bored and tired and may well miss the significance of some points which would otherwise stand out if presented within a smaller text.

The suggestion is made that for future similar occasions, the oratory be severely pruned and made more easily assimilated by the elected and nominated Unofficials each choosing two spokesmen to make the speeches. Between them they could adequately present relevant constructive ideas and criticisms. In this condensed form the proceedings of the annual "speech day" would be more readily accepted and appreciated by the public.

Of the relatively few controversial issues raised by the speakers, one most likely to attract attention was Mr Bernacchi's reintroduction of the necessity or otherwise of appointed Unofficials. Mr Bernacchi, as the doyen of the elected members, remains convinced that the system of appointment is anachronistic; that the appointees cannot consider themselves as representing the disenfranchised sections of the community; and that there should be a sufficient extension of the franchise to permit the appointed members being replaced by elected councillors.

The argument possesses its attractions, especially for those who believe in substantial electoral reform, yet it fails to win conviction that the Urban Council would function any the more effectively or efficiently on behalf of the public if nominated members were replaced by elected councillors.

THE measure of the Council's achievements in any one year is largely governed by the willing, co-operative and enthusiastic work of its members. Certainly there has been nothing to date to indicate that these attributes will be manifested in any greater degree by additional elected councillors than by nominated members. Hence, for practical purposes (and these mean more to the public than parish pump politics) the existing constitution of the Council has much to commend itself.

The pipe by one speaker yesterday for the Council to avoid pandering to sectional interests was well made. The Council owes responsibilities and duties to the community as a whole. Some believe these can be more faithfully discharged by a composite Council such as is now in existence. In any event, all members have big tasks to fulfil, and the community will be duly grateful if these are successfully accomplished.

The question of a further reconstitution of the Urban Council is not at this moment of high priority, nor need it cause anxiety.

To Decrease The Nuclear Threat To The World? U.S. BID TO NARROW THE GAP

NEW ARMS PLAN SUBMITTED AT LONDON TALKS

London, Apr. 3.

The United States today put forward proposals to narrow the gap between the conflicting Soviet and Western plans for world disarmament, an authoritative source said.

Mr Harold Stassen, the American delegate to the United Nations Disarmament negotiations, made the suggestions at today's session of the five-nation conference.

Mr Stassen proposed that if agreement on control of disarmament and on a pilot scheme could be reached, the forces of Russia, China and the United States should be reduced to 2,300,000 each and those of Britain and France to 750,000. The forces of other nations would be determined later, but should not exceed 500,000.

Russia had proposed that the manpower of the big three powers should be limited to 1,500,000 each and that of Britain and France to 650,000.

Mr Stassen also proposed

that after a date to be agreed all fissile materials

should be devoted to peaceful purposes and not to

the production of hydrogen

and atomic weapons.

Mr Stassen tabled his proposals after discussing them privately with his British, French and Canadian colleagues on the United Nations committee.

Mr Stassen's proposals, in the form of a working paper, aim eventually at decreasing "the nuclear threat over the world."

The paper outlined the first phase of a world disarmament programme in which the reduction of conventional—non-atomic—arms would be dovetailed with limitations on production of all nuclear weapons and fissile materials for such weapons.

The sources said this was

the first time the United

States had proposed

on atomic disarmament at

these negotiations.

The paper is based on what Americans believe can be done in "present world circumstances."

Middle East Plans

London, Apr. 3.

Britain has asked the United States to clarify its attitude on the Middle East situation, well-informed sources said today.

According to these sources, Britain wants the United States

★ To define its stand towards Egypt, which has now

embarked on a policy aimed at

undermining and eventually

supplanting British influence in the whole of the Middle East.

To decide what action to

take to prevent an outbreak of war between Israel and her Arab neighbours.—France-Press.

★ A-Power Plans

London, Apr. 3.

Atomic energy will supply the Soviet Union with 2,500,000 kilowatts of electricity under the present five-year plan, the Soviet Minister for Electric Power Stations, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, revealed today.

This would represent enough

electricity for a dozen towns of

one million inhabitants and

would put the USSR in the

front rank of atomic powers.—France-Press.

Plane Hits Radio Tower: Crew Escapes

San Antonio, Apr. 3.

A B-29 Superfortress struck a

400-foot radio tower today

and then crashed three miles away.

But the crew was either thrown

clear or managed to escape

The American plan envisages a nuclear census by all signatory states to a world disarmament pact who would be called to answer four questions on:

★ Their possession of fissile materials,

★ Their production of such materials,

★ The stocks they have of nuclear weapons and

★ Nuclear tests planned by them.

The sources said the United States project would set up an inspection and control system to account for future production of fissile materials.

All the signatories would have to agree that production of such materials would not be used for the manufacture of weapons.

Countries possessing nuclear weapons would be called upon to make "agreed, regular, reciprocal and equitable" transfer from past production of fissile materials for such weapons to exclusively peaceful purposes.

The sources said this was designed to reduce fissile materials available for military purposes.

The general American idea was to "freeze" nuclear stockpiles under tight control and then gradually to reduce them.

The United States scheme also envisages a limitation on tests of nuclear weapons.

The working paper included all previous proposals made by Mr Stassen at the present talks, including President Eisenhower's "open skies" scheme for mutual aerial inspection, and also took account of the Soviet idea of ground inspection teams to guard against surprise attacks.

The United States scheme calls for a preparatory commission of the five major atomic powers at the disarmament talks to agree on the reductions of armament levels in the first phase.

At a later stage in the scheme after a "freeze" on further armaments had been worked out and an inspection system set up—other nations would be invited to set up a permanent disarmament regulation organisation headed by a Director-General which would take over from the five powers.

From conventional disarmament the inspection system would be broadened to include nuclear material and a "freeze" of future production of fissile materials for military uses.

At the end of the first phase a world disarmament conference would be called to consider the situation reached.—Reuters.

STOLE OPPENHEIMER JEWELS?

Johannesburg, Apr. 3.

Ex-private detective Ernest Miles went on trial today charged with stealing the famous Oppenheimer jewel collection, valued at more than \$300,000.

Prosecuting attorneys said Miles, who had worked for Oppenheimer, broke into his

luxurious villa last December found the safe containing the jewels and opened it with a skeleton key.

The bulk of the jewels were found less than two weeks later when a man attempted to sell them to the company which insured them.—France-Press.

before fire destroyed the plane.

The plane came down in a field of corn.

The farmer ran out of his house as soon as he heard the plane hitting the ground. He told Reuters

SOLDIER KILLED
Israeli
Patrol
Ambushed

SOVIET PRESSURE ON SATELLITES

Stalin's Victims Rehabilitated

Vienna, Apr. 3.

Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have rehabilitated some former officials executed or gaoled for Titoism and treason before the death of Stalin, according to unconfirmed reports from Sofia and Prague.

Reports from usually reliable sources in Sofia said the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party last weekend passed resolutions rehabilitating Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Deputy Premier executed for treason in 1949.

The reports said the party also condemned Vulko Chervenkov, the present Bulgarian Premier, for deviations from the principle of collective leadership.

Released Already

Unconfirmed reports from Prague said three men tried with Rudolf Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party, in Prague in 1952, have been released from prison.

THE MOLLET INTERVIEW

Khrushchev Says "I Liked It"

Moscow, Apr. 3.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Chief Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, today told reporters he "liked" the interview given by M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister, in which the French Premier criticised Western policy towards Russia.

Talking informally to reporters at a Kremlin reception for the Swedish Premier, Mr Tage Erlander, Mr Khrushchev said "we liked this interview" and "especially what he said on disarmament."

He added "I am not in complete agreement with everything he said. But it undoubtedly was a good interview and I am in agreement with most of it."

We Approve

It was good for the cause of peace and mutual understanding.

Mr Khrushchev said: "We cannot of course demand that Mr Mollet had put disarmament in first place among international problems while at the Geneva 'summit' conference it had been in third place."

Turning to Mr Molotov, he said "you remember how at Geneva we defended our positions. But we did not insist on them because we saw that they were irreconcilable with the Western position."

Now, Mr Khrushchev added, the French Premier was saying what the Soviet Union had said then. "It is very interesting to see how Guy Mollet presented the German problem," he said.

"The question of disarmament was then put into third place. Now the question of peace—that is disarmament—is put in first place."

When the problem of Disarmament was solved "it will be easier to solve the German and other questions," he added.

He Muses

Mr Khrushchev asked rhetorically: "Can one envisage peace even without German reunification? Yes, one can," he declared.

"But peace must be assured above all. People want to live in peace."

He said it was NATO which was preventing people from "living normally" by "preparing aggression".

He added: "If we are spoken to with the language of 'from position of strength' over the question of Germany, then we too have strength."

Then, turning to members of a Czech parliamentary delegation visiting the Soviet Union, who were also present at the reception, Mr. Khrushchev said: "Czechoslovakia is now the best it has ever been. It is part of your duty to oppose the West. The victory will be with Communists."

Perhaps, Perhaps

When a Western reporter objected that he did not believe this, Mr Khrushchev said: "History will develop in spite of your wishes and doubts. Perhaps some or grandsons will be Communists."

Mr Molotov interrupted: "Better, perhaps, your sons than your grandsons... I am sure you will with your son."

Mr Khrushchev added: "Molotov is a bit busy."—United Press.

Truman Hits Out At Republicans

New York, Apr. 3.

Mr Harry Truman, the former President, called to night for a "bold, new programme for foreign economic aid" to meet Soviet economic and political penetration abroad.

They were further charged with trying to interfere with the course of justice by trying to make witnesses change their evidence before the trial.

They were Captain G. O'Driscoll, Intelligence Corps, and Captain Robin Linzee, Gordon Highlanders.

Nicosia, Apr. 3. A Cypriot alleged at a court-martial today that two British officers had hit him with a chain and punched him about the body and face.

He was giving evidence at the court-martial of two Army captains who were charged with assaulting and ill-treating two Cypriot detainees in Xeros in January.

They were further charged with trying to interfere with the course of justice by trying to make witnesses change their evidence before the trial.

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NOT GUILTY PLEA

The officers pleaded not guilty and claimed condonation by superior officers, but this plea was overruled.

Christos Constantinou identified the two officers as the men he saw at Lefka police station on January 12.

Later he was taken to Xeros camp where, he alleged, O'Driscoll made him strip to the waist. Then the officer held him by the hair and hit him on the nose "very hard."

Constantinou said that was the only blow he received from O'Driscoll, who left later with Linzee. When they had gone he was hit about the stomach and face.

He went on: "Linzee came back and rolled up his sleeves. There was a chain hanging from the roof. He gave me three minutes to speak. He was turning the chain in his hands. I was on the ground held by a soldier and was struck with the chain about 11 times. He was very careful not to strike me on the spine."

"I SIGNED, BUT

The next day, he said, O'Driscoll who signed him to be freed and make sweeping progress toward their objectives by less violent methods," he said.—Reuters.

FRENCH CRITICISM OF WESTERN POLICIES

Serious Concern Felt
In London**Top Secret****Army Cooking
Manual!**

Wellington, Apr. 3. The New Zealand Army has published a "Field Catering Pocket Book," covering everything from the object of cooking to the making of Army stoves under service conditions.

The object of cooking according to the book, is to "make food more beneficial to man."

Setting out a series of menus for seven-day periods, the book suggests that whenever possible hot meals should be served "to provide unit cooks with the maximum of cooking experience while in camp."

THE 'MUSTS'

Dealing with the "musts" in the New Zealand diet—"potatoes"—the book says that with old potatoes "care must be taken that they are not overcooked or cooked too rapidly" while new potatoes must be cooked with "a few mint stalks, and after cooking should be drained as soon as cooked, and the lid lifted on the pan so that they are steamed to thoroughly dry off."

For some reason, the army has tried to keep secret the publication of the book and has taken special precautions to keep it out of the hands of the newspapers. It is "on personal issue and the holder is held responsible for its safe keeping."—China Mail Special.

**REPATRIATION
OF GREEKS
OFFER**

London, Apr. 3. The Albanian Prime Minister Mr. Mehmed Shehu, today offered to discuss with Greece the repatriation of "Greek military persons," the Albanian Telegraph agency ATA reported.

Mr. Shehu made the statement in a speech during the Albanian National Assembly's budget debate.

He said Albania, for purely humanitarian reasons, and at considerable cost, had given asylum to the persons concerned since the Greek Civil War.

The Prime Minister said the Albanian Government had not yet succeeded in making progress in the "normalisation of relations" with Greece.—Reuters.

Vereeniging, Apr. 3. A Vereeniging man, Mr. Willie Hinds, played a 21-lb. carp for nearly nine hours in the Vaal River before bringing it to land.

Mr. Hinds, who was using only a 7-lb. breaking strain line hooked the fish just as the sun was rising and did not land until mid-afternoon. China Mail Special.

**U.S. WILL WAIT
FOR ARRIVAL
OF PINEAU**

By Stanley Priddle

London, Apr. 3. The French Government's public criticisms of Western policies towards such world issues as the unity of Germany is causing serious concern in official quarters here.

Government spokesmen today firmly declined to comment on the latest French challenge to traditional postwar Western thinking contained in a press interview by M. Guy Mollet, the new French Prime Minister.

But M. Mollet's dissatisfaction with the West's approach to last November's Geneva conference with Russia is deeply regretted here.

A Surprise

This is not only because in itself it showed a far-reaching divergence among the main anti-Communist powers but because it did so in a way that gives Moscow maximum advantage for exploiting a Western weakness both for diplomatic and propaganda purposes, it is held.

Soviet leaders are expected to use the opportunity in their talks here later this month and when M. Mollet himself visits Moscow in May.

The Socialist Premier's statement came more of a surprise because less than a month ago he joined with Sir Anthony Eden in a declaration affirming "wide agreement" on Anglo-French policies on East-West relations, disarmament, Africa and the Middle East.

In backing what was basically a French disarmament plan, Britain accepted to a point M. Mollet's argument that disarmament might make a solution of the German problem easier.

Serious Doubts

But it was always seriously doubted here whether Moscow would accept the scheme, and recent negotiations in the United Nations disarmament talks here have confirmed this fear. The United States was, in any case, opposed to it.

Officials also doubted whether, even if the first measures outlined in the Anglo-French scheme were agreed upon, it

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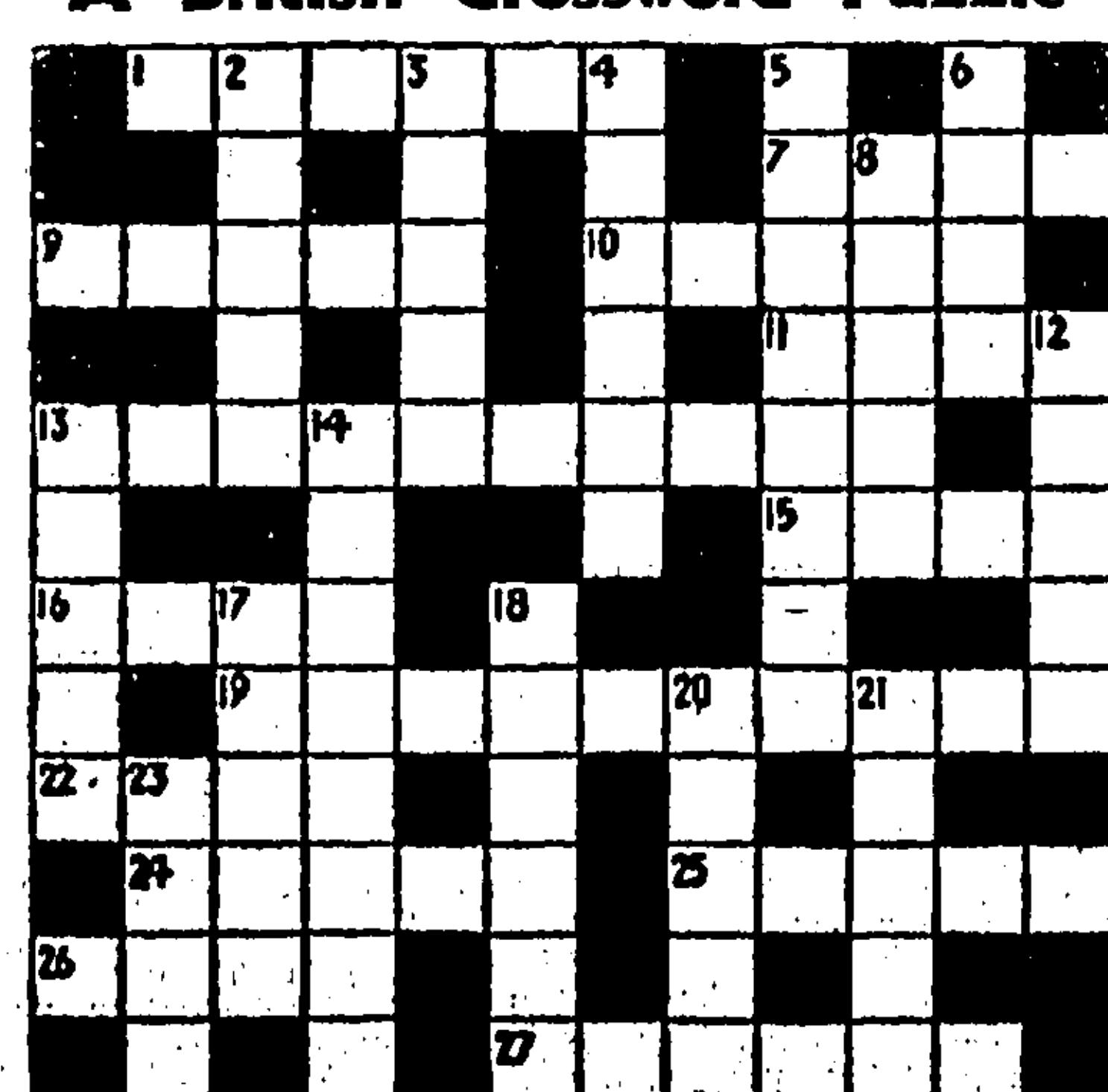
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A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS**

- Reasons (6).
- Dueling sword (4).
- Once more (5).
- Recess (5).
- Comfort (4).
- Obstacle (10).
- Volume (6).
- Entice (4).
- Needlework (10).
- Prolific (4).
- Renovate (5).
- Machinery (5).
- Wine (4).
- Great ceremoniously (10).
- Yellow (4).
- Black (4).
- Chair (4).
- Oven (4).
- Tree (4).
- Modesty (5).
- Eden (4).
- Hurt (4).
- Desire (5).
- Agog (5).
- Wardrobe (4).
- Role (4).
- Merry (4).
- Thread (4).
- Ditto (4).
- Awful (4).
- Trinket (4).
- Vacant (4).
- Step (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Dismal, 4. Twist, 7. Yellow, 8. Grill, 10. Rent, 12. Detract, 15. Chair, 16. Over, 17. Aver, 19. Tree, 20. Modesty, 21. Eden, 22. Hurts, 24. Desire, 25. Penny, 26. Images. Down: 1. Daydream, 2. Silence, 3. Agog, 5. Wardrobe, 6. Role, 7. Merry, 11. Thread, 13. Ditto, 18. Awful, 19. Trinket, 20. Vacant, 24. Step.

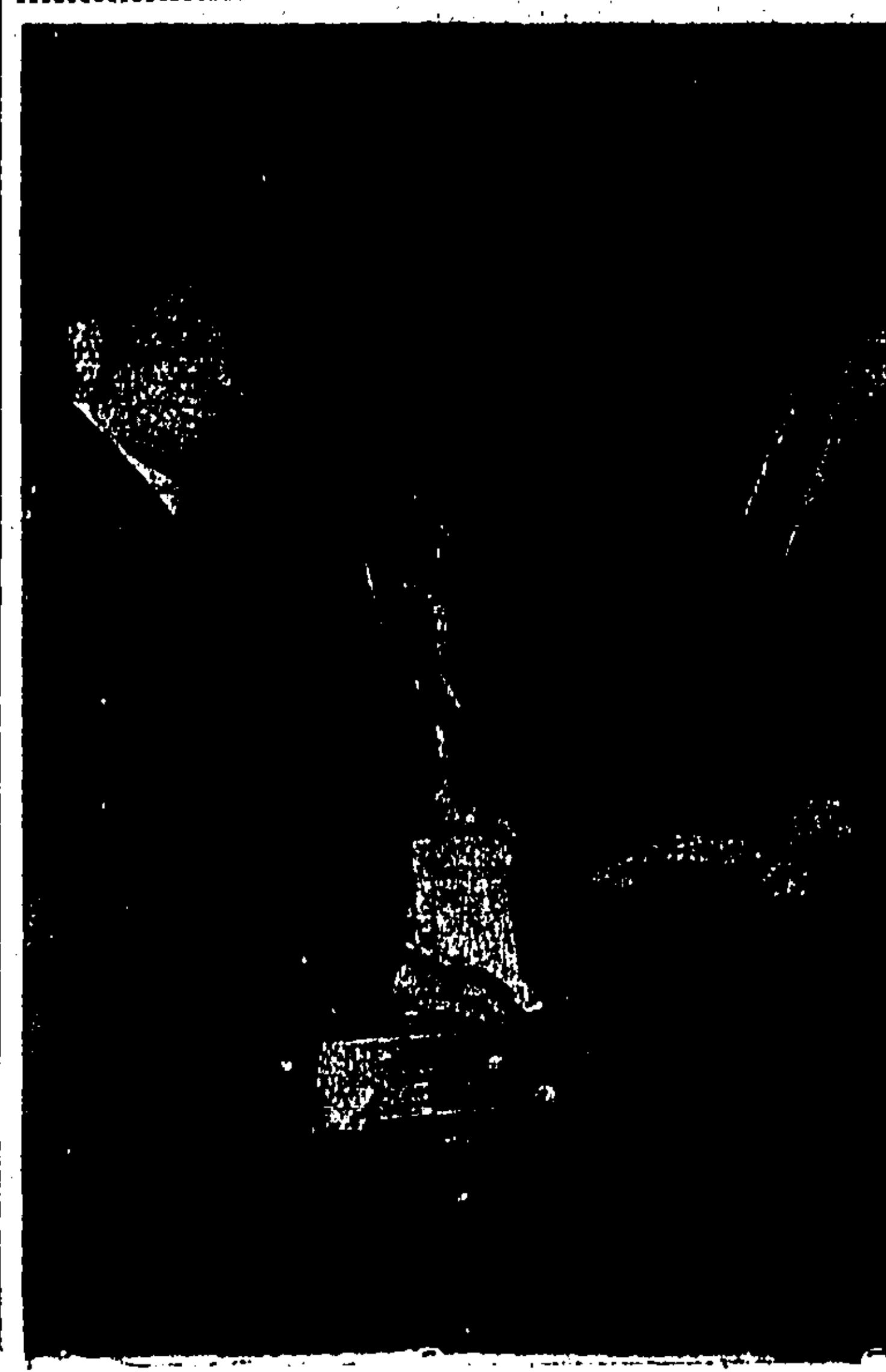
DOWN

- Cutlet (5).
- Exponent (5).
- Shellfish (6).
- Softened (6).
- Open (4).
- Greek philosopher (5).
- Foe (5).
- Loaf (6).
- Ingredients (8).
- Maze illusion (5).
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- Preach (6).
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One Day Aircrew Honoured**Husband 19
Sues Bride 11
For Divorce**

New York, Apr. 3. Stanley Thorn, 19, has filed suit for divorce for his 11-year-old bride, while awaiting trial at Galion, Ohio, on a charge of contributing to her delinquency.

Thorn was arrested along with the girl's foster parents, Mr and Mrs Carl Gans. The parents were convicted on the delinquency charge but sentence was delayed pending an appeal.

The young husband waived a jury trial, and will be tried by a juvenile judge later.

He said he married the girl, Karlene Kay Gans, on October 24, 1955 in Morgantown, West Virginia, believing she was 17. Her parents approved the marriage, he said. They were arrested last February when the marriage became known.

WARD OF COURT

The child bride was a ward of the court since 1951, and could not legally marry without the court's permission, regardless of her age.

Thorn charged the girl with gross neglect and extreme cruelty in the divorce petition.

Doctors testifying at the Gans trial said the girl has the mentality and physical development of an 18-year-old woman.—United Press.

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**Russians Will Enquire
About Missing
Swedish Diplomat**

Moscow, Apr. 3.

Soviet leaders have promised to investigate the case of Mr. Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, who disappeared in Budapest in January 1945, shortly after the Russian Army entered the city, according to a communiqué issued here today.

Mr Tage Erlander, the Swedish Prime Minister, who arrived here for talks with Soviet leaders last Thursday told reporters today he had given the Russians documents about Wallenberg's disappearance.

He said that the Soviet leaders had promised to investigate and if possible find a solution making use of the Swedish documents.

Previously Denied

Mr Erlander was speaking at a press conference shortly before signing a communiqué with the Kremlin with Soviet leaders.

Mr Erlander told a questioner it was known that Mr. Wallenberg was in the hands of the Soviet military authorities in Budapest in 1945.

(The Soviet Government has previously denied that Mr. Wallenberg was in Soviet captivity and had suggested that he was dead.

(Sweden has made repeated demands for his release and evidence reaching the Swedish Government suggested that he had been arrested on an espionage charge.

Mr Erlander said he had not yet invited Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Soviet Communist Party, and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, to visit Sweden.

He said a joint declaration made by himself and Mr Gunnar Hedlund, Sweden's Minister of the Interior, on the Swedish policy of no alliances noted that "on the Soviet side these principles will be respected."

Identity Of Views

Mr Erlander said he had also made a joint statement with Marshal Bulganin on preserving peace and disarmament within the framework of the United Nations.

Swedish leaders gained the impression from their talk with Marshal Bulganin, Mr. Khrushchev, Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister and other Soviet leaders that both sides tried to understand the other's point of view.

He said the communiqué noted "good neighbourly relations exist" at present between the two countries. It also dealt with developing trade and cultural relations between the two countries. The Soviet and Swedish leaders had found "identity of views on all points," he added.

The communiqué also said that other Swedish nationals now in the USSR would be allowed to leave for Sweden, Moscow radio reported.

It said the Soviet Union and Sweden had agreed to exchange medical and scientific workers, and to open state archives and libraries to historians and scientists from both countries.

The communiqué stated: "Both sides confirmed their readiness to start negotiations on settling according to the Swedish-Soviet agreement of 1941, all outstanding mutual claims connected with the fact that the Baltic republics have become part of the Soviet Union."

"A Swedish delegation will soon arrive in Moscow to start these negotiations." — Reuter.

**LEOPARD
KILLED IN
MID-AIR**

Springbok, Apr. 3.

A leopard was shot dead in mid-air while leaping at a fawn on his farm near Springbok recently.

The farmer, Mr. J. P. Archer, and his son were hunting leopards when they came across one in long grass. The leopard was wounded with a shot and ran away. They were following it when suddenly a car rushed up. Mr. Archer.

Another shot killed the leopard in mid-air and the body fell on Mr. Archer, inflicting a knee and hand injury. His son and another fawn escaped.

The leopard was shot dead by Mr. J. P. Archer, and his son was injured.

The newspaper said that members of Parliament will question the Eden Government after the recess about "our scandalously inadequate measures for countering poachers here," commented one Member of Parliament.

BBC CHARGED WITH TRAINING EGYPTIAN ENEMY

London, Apr. 3.

THE London Daily Mail charged today that the British Broadcasting Corporation is training men for Egypt's state radio—from which (Premier) Col. Nasser pours out hate-Britain propaganda to the Middle East."

A BBC spokesman, commenting on the report, said that the BBC is not aware of a single case of a man having attended the BBC staff training course and going back and operating in a hostile propaganda.

"Technical officers had to a large extent the same kind of work as in civilian life and among such officers particularly there had been a wish to belong to a union."

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form or the other," the spokesman said.

The Daily Mail in a seven-column banner line story said, "Now we train the enemy. Nasser's men get their know-how at the BBC..."

"Many of the trainees will go back to work against us on British built and equipped radio stations scattered throughout the Middle East."

"Some Egyptians trained in Britain are already holding responsible positions in Cairo

Nathaniel Gubbins

It has been a black week, particularly for old Harrovians who are admitting that whatever Little King Hussein learned at Harrow it certainly wasn't good manners.

Ancient cricket-lovers, who for years have been saying that everybody in the world played cricket world peace would follow automatically, are beginning to have their doubts after the Pakistan incident.

There is a worried citizen asking in a newspaper, "Is the nation as a British emblem out of date?"

He might as well ask if Britannia, that full-bosomed girl with deadpan face and trident, is also out of date.

Each year, as you study the comparative strength of the world's navies, you will find she is ruling fewer and fewer waves and may end up as a harbour mistress at Dover staring foolishly across the Channel.

Even I, always prepared for the worst, was startled to read a headline, "ENGLAND HAS LOST THE WILL TO WIN," but am now happy to inform you that it only referred to a game of ping-pong with Hungary.

Gubbins miserable, would be better spent sending the mums of Liverpool to Blackpool for a slap-up free do.

FAN MAIL

BEING a letter from a constant reader who always addresses me as "Dear Pig . . ."

Since you changed over from one paper to another I have borrowed the new one instead of the one that used to print your rubbish and am writing to say you are worse than you ever were.

You always was a liar, particularly when you printed letters from animals, as even a child knows animals can't write, but when you said in the last issue that 75,000,000 readers wrote to you each week that was the biggest lie of all.

I have worked it out that even if every man, woman, child, and baby in arms in Great Britain and Ireland wrote to you it still wouldn't come to that figure as there are not 75,000,000 people in the country.

What's more, according to my reckoning 75,000,000 letters averaging 12ln. long, including 2 pages, would almost reach from London to Birmingham if placed end on end, and if placed on top of each other would be higher than Nelson's monument.

And how do you know they have never done me any harm?

'BELLS OF HEAVEN'

WHEN a hunted deer leaped to death over the cliff of a 60ft. stone quarry in Devon, a man working in the quarry said to a reporter:

"I wish some of the riders had gone over as well. That's what I think of stag hunting."

It is also what many thousands of other indignate people think about this sport, and a little boy once knew destined so much that he had worked out the elaborate punishment of stag hunters to the last detail.

As he was convinced they would never go to Heaven, however often they went to church, he said that when a huntsman died he was kept for hunting purposes like a carted stag.

Then every day for hundreds of years he would be chased by the slavering hounds of Hades and demons in hunting pink, across Satan's flaming fields,

through his dark, smouldering woods, across fiery streams and brooks of molten lead until he dropped exhausted.

Then I saw another headline, "GIVE THE MISERABLE MUMS A FREE HOLIDAY."

This referred to a scheme by the Welfare Office of Liverpool to provide a week by the sea, without their families, for the miserably overworked mums of the district.

The Welfare Officer thinks the money should be provided by the National Health Service, but I think the wasted £9,000,000, which has made King Hussein, Glubb Pasha, and

"After that," said the little boy with relish, "the Devil would take him back to his hunting lodge and give him a good blow out of feed cake, bun and fried bacon to keep him fit for the next day's hunt."

The little boy was your Uncle Nat, who when he was very young, had read the last word written about this matter by the 19th-century English poet Ralph Hodgson.

Hunting people going to church today might like to be reminded of it.

Twound ring the bells of Heaven

The wildest peal for years, If Parson lost his senses And people came to theirs; And he and they together Knelt down with angry prayer

For tamed and shabby tigers, And dancing dogs and bears, And wretched, blind pit ponies,

And little hunted hares.

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A SPARKLE of West End leading ladies sat around the Lewin Luncheon Club table—a study in contrasting styles and opinions.

Margaret Leighton.... elegant, poised, successful in a successful play, "Separate Tables." Peggy Mount.... comfortable, untroubled, the repertory actress who, after 19 years, became a West End star overnight in "Sailor Beware."

Sally Ann Howes.... bubbling, gay musical comedy star of "Summer Song;" Anna Massey.... a debutante who began at the top in "Reluctant Debutante" and is now learning her business backwards—from the top down.

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"Five cups of sherry, could that be?" asked Anna Massey.

"Certainly not. Just liquid," said Miss Mount, slipping tomato juice.

Margaret Leighton said: "First-night parties are hell. I only gave one, and the play was a dreadful flop. I've always used that as an excuse for not giving any others."

"You have to be careful with parties anyway. Have either four people—or 100. If you

have a big crowd you can still have the feeling of being intimate without cutting any-one."

Peggy Mount, the latest

experience in rep was invaluable, and, perhaps because of her experience, she was the only one of the group who had no nerves about her acting.

"I'm not neurotic about it—I just love everything," she said. "Even on that first night in the West End when my friends warned me."

"It might have been wonderful on tour," they said, "but you wait. Hero in town the first night audience will probably just sit on their hands and not clap at all."

Anna Massey said: "Eating a lot is supposed to be a sign of immaturity."

Sally Ann Howes laughed:

"In that case I'll be immature at 60. I eat what I like, when I like."

"My dear," said Peggy Mount,

"you'll never have to worry. It is when you have a drama like mine that you need to take care. I'm playing this dominating woman in 'Sailor Beware,' and my agent said to me: 'You've just got to slim; otherwise you'll act horns all your life!'"

Anger—not nerves

Margaret Leighton nodded her head. She was wearing a white bee-hive hat. "Not that way for me, either. Maybe a big party after the honeymoon, given by someone else, I'm always so worried at parties when I'm the hostess I don't have any fun..."

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This Funny World



2-11

"Try living it down awhile!"

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

WHEN the Cocklecarrot Egg Commission resumes its meetings it will have to consider the implications of a suggestion made by a champion of the Egg Board scheme.

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Tale Of Two Bridge Signals

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN today's hand West signalled twice, but his second signal was based on more information and therefore meant more.

West opened the four of diamonds even though South had bid the suit. This particular South was known to be a deceptive bidder, and it was quite possible that the diamond suit was his weak spot.

East put up the jack of diamonds, and South won the first trick with the king. Declarer next took the ace of clubs and

led another club, upon which West discarded the deuce of spades.

West didn't want to betray the location of the ace of spades by a signal, and he wanted a diamond return anyway. East won the second round of clubs and returned the five of diamonds.

South finessed the seven of diamonds, and West won with the eight of diamonds. West had to shift to a different suit since it was unsafe to lead diamonds up to South. When West led the three of spades, South put up dummy's king without tell-tale hesitation. The fall of the ten of spades from the South hand was clear indication of how the hand lay.

Declarer led another club from dummy, and East won with the king. This time West discarded the three of diamonds. This signal said "Don't lead diamonds," just as his earlier signal had said "Don't lead spades." Which signal was East to follow?

East properly believed the later signal. A switch to spades now produced two spade tricks defeating the contract. If East had continued the diamonds, South would have made his contract.

CARD Sense

The bidding has been:
North East South West
2 Diamonds Pass ?
You South hold:

4448 ♦7532 ♦Q7533 ♦K2

What do you do?

A-Bid three diamonds. You have only five points in high cards, but the trump strength and the doubleton should encourage you to stretch a point or two.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold:

AKQJ 98765432 AKJ

What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

BORN today, you will find that your emotions are near the surface and your impulses are trigger-happy. You may feel like acting. You get an idea, bounce upon it and act all in one continuous action! You have a tremendous urge to move and must be doing something all the time. You have no idea of how to relax or how to sit still. You are a bit of a workaholic and exact and methodical mind which saves you from getting into too much trouble. In fact, with a major objective in view, there is little chance of your being caught off guard. Opposition only serves to make you work all the harder to get what you most desire.

You are inclined to be moody and have your bad days at your worst. You don't let much affect you out of a depressed mood and send you soaring again.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Friendship is paramount today. Your co-operation with others will bring you much happiness and all you stop you from moving ahead. Opposition only serves to make you work all the harder to get what you most desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Your intuition will guide you correctly to some objective you are trying to complete.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Take an active part in your community and neighbourhood affairs. Offer your services.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21)—This is a good day for retail merchandising. Promote your goods and find a ready market.

TARGET

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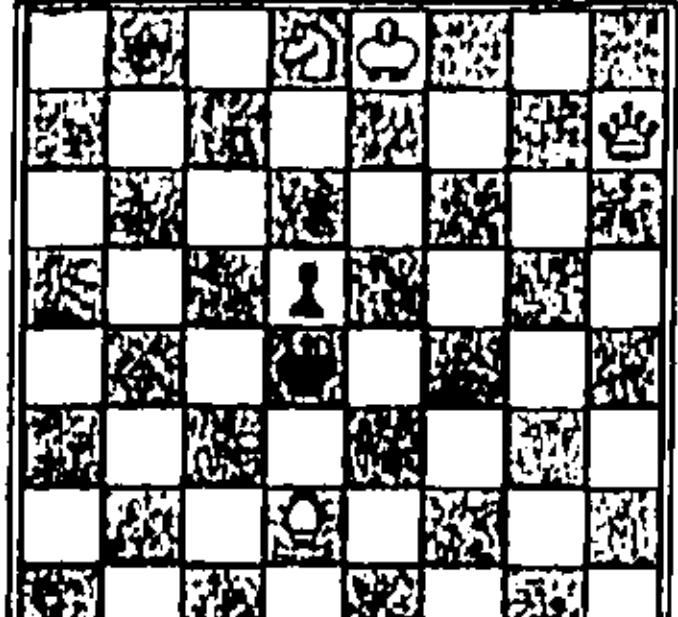
HOW many four-letter words or more can you make by using the letters in the square on the right? Try making each word the best word in the small square you used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre. All words must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. T.D.B. 13 TAKED: 30 words; good: 45 words; very good: 51 words. excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
1. *space*; 2. *calm*; 3. *clean*; 4. *clap*; 5. *canal*; 6. *came*; 7. *capelin*; 8. *cell*; 9. *clan*; 10. *clap*; 11. *clasp*; 12. *claw*; 13. *clay*; 14. *clerk*; 15. *clerk*; 16. *clerk*; 17. *clerk*; 18. *clerk*; 19. *clerk*; 20. *clerk*; 21. *clerk*; 22. *clerk*; 23. *clerk*; 24. *clerk*; 25. *clerk*; 26. *clerk*; 27. *clerk*; 28. *clerk*; 29. *clerk*; 30. *clerk*.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. NIKOLUSSI

Black, 2 pieces.



White, 4 pieces

To play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's

1. Kf-K14, any; 2. Q, R, B, or

Kt mates.

For a rainy day

A RECENT plea to make men's trousers shorter merely echoes my own demand for trousers which would end at the sock-top. Calf-sleeves ending at the elbow would give an added smartness. But the turn-up of the trousers should never be abolished, for it is into these turn-ups that impoverished drinkers at bars slip biscuits, olives, potato crisps, and any other food they will seize unobserved.

A labour-saving gadget

DR Strabismus (Whom God Preserves) of Utrecht has invented a bottle with the base at the top and the neck at the bottom. When turned upside down, that is, with the base at the bottom and the neck at the top, it can be used like an ordinary bottle. Care must be taken, when it is the right way up, that is, with the neck at the bottom and the base at the top, to see that the cork is pressed firmly home.

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Track and field sports have developed rapidly in the non self-governing territories of the Commonwealth in recent years. A review of the 1955 statistics shows that there are several athletes in these territories who should be capable of securing final placings in many of the events at the Melbourne Olympic Games, says STAN TOMLIN, Editor of "The Modern Athlete", London.

Bright Olympic Prospects From The Colonies

Athletes from the non self-governing territories of the Commonwealth have in the past frequently appeared at the Olympic Games as members of teams representing Britain or other Commonwealth countries, but it is only since the last war that they have been participating as direct representatives of the countries of their birth.

One can recall Jack London, that fine West Indian sprinter who, running for Britain, finished second in the 100 Metres at the 1928 Games; and Phil Edwards who hauled from British Guiana gained one of the coveted first six places in both the 800 Metres and 1,600 Metres in two successive Olympics when competing for Canada.

It was not, however, until the Games were held in London in 1948 that the non self-governing territories began to enter their own teams and indeed produce Olympic Champions. The honour first went to Jamaica when Arthur Winstanley won the 400 metres. He secured first place against fellow countrymen Herb McKey and thus placed Jamaica well on the athletic map.

GREAT QUARTER-MILER
Then Jamaica produced George Rhoden to establish new world records and prove himself one of the greatest quarter-milers in the world. This trio went to Helsinki in 1952 completely to dominate the 400 metres race. Rhoden beat McKeyen by inches in record time, with Winstanley fifth place. Then, joined by Leslie Loring, they went on to beat a very strong quartet from the United States in the 4 x 400 metres relay, putting up a world record time.

Unfortunately the progress of time has broken up this wonderful combination and there seems little hope that Jamaica will be as dominant at Melbourne as it was at Helsinki. There is, however, a heartening rumour that Rhoden—who did not compete in the last year—is attempting an Olympic comeback to defend his title. Should this prove successful, then the 400 metres will again have a strong Commonwealth interest. If this fails to materialise, then the hopes of Jamaica would seem to rest on the speed of Keith Gardner, its current leading athlete, and the reigning Commonwealth high hurdles champion.

He ranked sixth in the world in 1954, but although running only one-fifth second slower last year was relegated to 13th position. That status is, nevertheless, not without some Olympic significance, for less than half of the athletes above him are all from the United States and as only three of these can compete in the Games, his chances of a final placing must be considerably good.

But the best colonial chance of an Olympic victory would appear to be vested in the flying feet of Mike Agostini from Trinidad. In 1953, when only 18,

MINOR UNITS SEMI-FINALS

At Sookunpo at 2.30 today Command Workshops, REME, meet District Workshops, REME, in the semi-final of the Land Forces Minor Units soccer competition. The other semi-final between 6 COD and Infantry Workshops, REME, will take place at Boundary Street, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. at Sookunpo, the semi-final of the Major Units Competition between 27 HAA, RA, and the 1st Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment will be played.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS



King Baudouin of Belgium attended the Seventh International Military Cross Country Championships held last month on the nearby Eitterbeck Plains. Winner was Abdullaah of France, who is pictured receiving congratulations on his victory from the King.—Express Photo.

WORLD TABLE TENNIS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND JAPAN IN CLOSE RACE FOR SWAYTHLING CUP

Tokyo, Apr. 4.
Leading Japan and Czechoslovakia clash today with their strongest forces in the close race for the Men's Swaythling Cup at the 23rd World Table Tennis Championships.

Japan and Rumania, both undefeated in four matches, will battle for the top berth in one division of the men's team play. Czechoslovakia and England, also winners of four matches apiece, in the first two days of the competition, will meet in the probably deciding match of the other division.

The winners of the two divisions will play for the cup on Thursday.

Japan also play Germany (3-0) today and Czechoslovakia (3-1) in its other match.

In the lone division play for the Women's Corbillon Cup, undefeated Japan and England will play at 5 p.m. In a match that will probably lock the loser out of any chance for the title.

The Japanese and Rumanian women's teams are tied in first place with four match victories apiece. They have lost no games.

The English team goes into the third day with a 4-0 record, but the British women have dropped three games placing them in third place.

Rumania opens the women's play at 9 a.m. against the surprisingly strong Communist China team (1-3). Japan also meets the Republic of Korea (2-3), while England faces India (0-4).—United Press.

Korea Beat Hongkong

The Republic of Korea defeated Hongkong 3-1 in Corbillon Cup play. The results were:

Baguloo Wong of Hongkong downed Han Yong Ju 21-10, 18-21, 21-11.

Wei San-suk of Korea defeated Fan Sin-kwan 21-18, 15-21, 24-22.

Han and Wie defeated Wong and Lou Wei-lum 21-23, 21-18, 21-14.

Wie defeated Wong 25-23, 21-11.—United Press.

Japan beat Germany 6-0

Ichiro Ogimura beat Poldo Molusuk 21-11, 21-11.

Toshiohiko Tanaka beat Vossebeek 21-11, 21-18.

Ketsuke Tsunoda beat Conny Freundorfer 21-18, 19-21, 22-20.

Tanaka beat Holmich 21-8, 21-11.

Ogimura beat Freundorfer 21-11, 21-21.

Following were results in the women's Corbillon Cup:

Rumania beat China 3-0

Angela Roseau beat Chu Chung-hui 21-12, 21-8.

Elli Zeller beat Sun Mei-ying 21-14, 17-21, 21-17.

Roseau-Zeller beat Chu-Sue 21-14, 21-12.—United Press.

EARLIER RESULTS
SWAYTHLING CUP

Rumania Beat Hongkong 5-2

5th. Sun-yeo Lee T. Reiter 21-21,

21-11, 10-21. Gardner 13-21, 9-21,

Chung-ching lost to Hirakoto 13-21, 18-21, 10-21.

Reiter 13-21, 18-21, 10-21.

Lau Sik-fong lost to Gardner 17-21,

21-21, beat Harimatsu 16-21, 22-20,

21-10.

Japan Beat Hongkong 5-1

Romania Beat Hongkong 3-0

Lee Wal-jung lost to A. Roseau 10-21, 11-21, 23-21.

Lau Wei-lum and Yen Sin-kwan (Hongkong) lost to A. Roseau and E. Zeller 14-21, 7-21.

Japan Beat India 3-0

Meng lost to Yu Li 10-21,

11-21, 18-21.

Yi Cheung-ling lost to T. Tomita 21-0, 18-21.

Chi-chu-chu lost to T. Tomita 6-21,

11-21, lost to Y. Tomita 14-21, 10-21.

Hongkong Beat Philippines 5-0

Trui Cheung-ling beat J. Bajaria 11-12, 21-11, beat Toivo Ybanes 21-12, 21-10.

Chung-ching lost to Honoro Gelor 21-13, 21-14, beat Bajaria 21-13, 21-18.

Lau Sik-fong beat Jesus Ybanez 21-10, 21-11.

CORBILLON CUP

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Japan Beat India 3-0

Meng lost to Yu Li 10-21,

11-21, 18-21.

Meng and Rachel lost to Yoshio Yamada and Tetsuo Ohara 12-21,

11-21.

England Beat India 3-0

Haydon (England) beat P.

Robinson 11-21, 21-18.

Rowe Beat L. Flatt 21-12, 21-12,

21-12.

England Beat Thailand 3-0

Swan and Yiam 21-14, 20-20.

J. L. MANNING'S SPORTS DIARY

I Apologise—It's Only A Mouse After All

My diary this week will come as a bitter disappointment to those who see no virtue in changing one's mind.

Especially am I thinking of Major S. Trenam, of Old Torrington Road, Barnstaple, whose excellent suggestion has not yet been acted upon. He wrote asking the Editor to sack me.

Now I suppose he will want me hanged, drawn, and quartered. But, alas, Parliament is not on his side!

So I survive, to tell you that, having heard Mr Fred Howarth, Secretary of the Football League, broadcast to the nation, revert to my original conception of the Big Plan. It is, after all, only a mouse.

Furthermore, it's a tenuous little beastie with an inferiority complex.

It quickly scuttled back to its hole after roaring like a lion that the League wanted a reduction of the FA's representative match programme.

Mr Howarth has now told us what this would mean.

The exception is Moore's admission of weight trouble. Does anyone really believe that Moore will try to shed 20lb, or 30lb. in a few days before risking, in London, the third match of the tour?

Of course not. In America boxing authorities will wag a finger at Moore and say he's a naughty boy for breaking a contract with dear old England. But that's all.

NO RIVAL

What funny people are the members of the Football League Management Committee!

They ask clubs to swear an oath that the League is the most important competition when there is none to rival it.

They seek a reduction of representative matches by proposing that the same number be maintained.

And they hope to improve the finances of the First and Second Divisions by carrying on as before. Meanwhile, the whole Third Division is to be stimulated by relegating half of it.

This, my friends, is the sum total of the wisdom of the Football League. I apologise for saying they were challenging the FA. They would like to—but they wouldn't know how to start.

So there will be no crisis. The row will blow over and football will become only slightly worse than it is now.

As we thought the League intended making it much worse, there has indeed been progress. Any one observation remains to be made. The League will restrict mid-week games with foreign teams in the hope that a hungry public will develop a sharper relish for Saturday League fixtures.

A VAIN HOPE

A vain hope if all the theatres and cinemas were

Nottingham Forest In The Chase For Promotion

London, Apr. 3.
A small programme of English League football today included some vital matches, particularly for the teams in danger of relegation from Division One.

But in Home games neither Aston Villa nor Huddersfield, the two bottom teams raised the hopes of their supporters as Villa dropped a point in their goalless draw and Huddersfield, the bottom team, lost.

Huddersfield now seem doomed to Second Division football next season.

Nottingham Forest, though having eight teams above them after the Easter games, were in the chase for promotion to Division One as they had several matches in hand. But they dropped a point in their Home game with Lincoln and it was nearly a defeat.

Two goals by Tommy Northcott put Lincoln in command with seven minutes left, but Peter Small and Bob McKinlay notched the equalisers. McKinlay's in the final minute from a corner.

Broadford rose just clear of the immediate danger zone in the Northern Section of Division Three as a result of their win but one of the biggest jumps was Birmingham City. The Cup finalists won the Midlands Derby on West Bromwich Albion's ground to rise from eighth to fourth place in the Senior Division.

Peter Murphy scored their goals, one in each half. Reuter.

The Sapphires will meet the winners of the match between The King's Own and 74 LAA Regt RA, in the final.

In boating, the Hussars, on paper the strongest team in the competition, they can certainly go forward to the match with the utmost confidence.

WOT! NO DANE

Diane Leather my guest of the evening at the Sports Writers' dinner, to honour Britain's sportswomen, is running to a training schedule of 15 miles a week yet has no hope of going to the Melbourne Olympics.

"I'm just hoping the women's 800 metres event will be revived by the 1960 games," she said.

Wherever Merwyn Griffiths goes he takes away a pile of programmes, "Inconveniences," explains the Newport schoolmaster. "I've got the best maths class in the school."

The swimming team will comprise four men and five women. South Africa will also be represented in the following events: boxing, wrestling, weightlifting,

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Denis Compton Discovers A New Way To Get Fit After His Operation

Denis Compton, England and Middlesex batsman, has discovered a new way of getting himself fit after his operation for the removal of a knee-cap. It is horse riding.

"Two or three times a week he goes riding, and the stirrups are gradually being drawn tighter together so that the adhesions of the knee are stretched. But says Compton: "I think the summer is coming just a shade too quickly for me."

Brian Hewson, Britain's young four-minute miler, is back in training following a septic foot that has kept him from the track since his return from the West Indies. Hewson had only just recovered from severe tendon trouble when he met with the mishap in Trinidad.

Frank Sedgmen, former Wimbledon Champion and now a professional with the Jack Kramer 'circus', describes as nonsense the reports that tennis amateurs make a fortune out of the game. "Back in 1952 Jean (his wife) and I stayed at the best hotels, ate well, travelled for nothing and bought a few things. I finished with a surplus of only four hundred Australian pounds and consider I was well within the amateur rules at that time," Sedgmen's statement comes at a time when the Australian LTA are pressing their campaign to limit players' expenses.

THE RIGHT THING

Pat Neil, 18-year-old Portsmouth and England amateur international winger, has asked to be released from League football for the remainder of the season because it clashes with his school work. He is taking his Advanced General Certificate of Education examination in June and later hopes to go to a university.

Says Neil: "Because of my studies I have been unable to train fully for football. As a result my form has suffered." Eddie Lever's comment was: "Pat's request has been granted. I think he is doing the right thing."

Billy ("Spider") Kelly, of the former British Empire Featherweight Champion, will meet Charlie Tucker of Camberwell over ten rounds at the Kings Hall, Belfast on April 21. This was the hall where the Championship fight between Kelly and Charlie Hill of Scotland, was staged, and where bottles and chairs, were thrown into the ring after Hill received the verdict.

Richard Bergmann, four times World Table Tennis Champion, and his fellow Britisher Johnny Leach, twice a World Champion, may soon be switching to sponge. Both believe sponge bats will eventually kill the game as a spectacle. Says Bergmann: "We may have to throw in the towel and switch to a sponge paddle (as the Americans call it). Otherwise we may be left behind. Leach's view is that "we either have to beat it—or all must use it."

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
Present indications are that the Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships due to be staged at Boundary Street on Thursday and Saturday will be one of the most keenly contested meetings we have had in recent years. The Engineers can show the same side rule football as they produced against the North Staffs in the Land Forces Final last season, making a big impression and already a bright future is being forecast for him. He will certainly have the good wishes of the Hongkong soccer public in his search for soccer success.

The entry list, as I mentioned last week, is extremely heavy and with all the available top athletes participating there is more than just a promise of still further improvements to some existing Colony records.

This is particularly true in the middle distance track events but there is also keen anticipation that Capt. John Hunter will manage to better either the High or Long Jump figures. It will be an unusual event if Keith Burch doesn't manage to break some record or other, and, as the recent Colony Championships showed, the Army also has one or two star performers in the shorter distances.

With the 33 General Hospital Challenge Cup between 27 HAA Regt RA and 1 Kings takes place at Sookunpoo at 4 pm this afternoon. Many spectators were disappointed when this game was postponed last week and there is certain to be a big crowd in attendance to cheer the sides on.

The King's Own, with a wealth of talent, have been something of a disappointment during the season. This is their last chance to get among the trophies but they will find the Gunners, who have not yet quite recovered from the shock of having a Caldebeck Cup victory snatched from their grasp by the 24 Field Engineers, in anything but charitable mood.

Provided the Royal Artillery boys do not repeat their ill advised tactics of falling back into defence they should be good enough to go forward to meet the North Staffs in the final... in fact they are good enough to collect the trophy... but only as long as they forget about negative football.

MINOR UNITS SOCCER

The Semi-Final draw in the Minor Units Football Challenge Cup between 27 HAA Regt RA and 1 Kings takes place at Sookunpoo at 4 pm this afternoon. Many spectators were disappointed when this game was postponed last week and there is certain to be a big crowd in attendance to cheer the sides on.

HOCKEY FIXTURES ALTERATION

It has been announced by the Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association that Malaya cannot raise a team for their International match against Scotland which was to be played today. Therefore, Portugal will play Scotland instead on the same ground at 6.45 pm.

OTHER FIXTURES IN THIS SERIES REMAIN UNCHANGED

A re-play will be played in the Cup match between Sookunpoo and the Dutch Hockey Club at Sookunpoo on Friday at 6.45 pm.

IRELAND TEAM

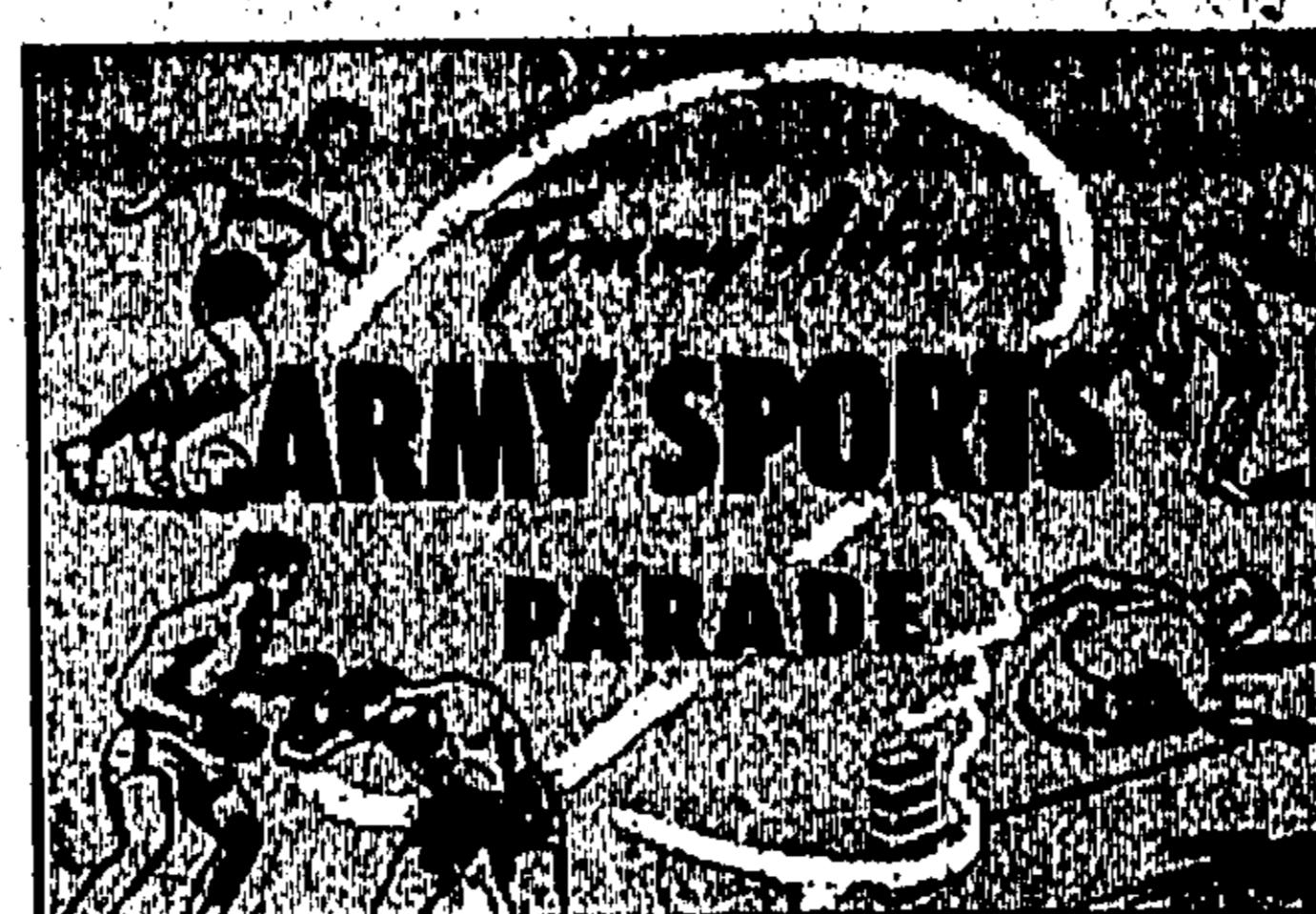
The following have been selected to represent Ireland in the International hockey match against Wales, today at Boundary Street:

McMernot, May, Packham, McCorquodale, Birch, Gilltrap, Orzane, Carty, Gardner, Chamberlain, Chamberlain, IRISHMAN McMahan.

ENGLAND WINS

In a ladies' International

hockey game played at Happy Valley yesterday England beat Holland after two periods of extra time. The final score was 4-4.



THE CHAMP WHO FASTED BEFORE FIGHTS

By C. B. THOMAS

A famous referee from Wales recalls some memorable characters of the robed square.

I am going to tell you about a man who became a famous fighter even before his own countrymen recognised him as being one of their own. He is that former World, British and Welsh Champion, glove-wizard Freddie Welsh.

Fred was born Fred Hall Thomas at Pontypridd in Wales on March 5, 1886, the son of a local auctioneer. From birth his lungs were suspect and his body frail, but as a youngster he was encouraged to take up physical culture in order to overcome his handicap.

This training became more than a hobby to be practised after work at the engineering firm to which he was apprenticed. It became an obsession. He thought of nothing else. Like myself, he became a Barnard MacFadden student of physical culture in 1902.

When the next year, Fred went to America he had no fighting experience beyond that of an occasional set-to during meal times at the works with other apprentices.

In fact boxing had little or no interest for him. But he had wrestled a lot, and he would exercise for hours.

One other thing he had become which makes him unique among boxing Champions—a strict vegetarian—and this was something he kept up right through his short life, even in strict training for a fight.

In America, Fred found the going hard. Work was tough to get and he 'hobbed' around from one job to another. One day, drawing his pay from work in the wheat fields, he "jumped" a freight train for Philadelphia with some other men.

It was in that box-car that Fred had his first real—and

maybe his toughest—fight, for a bunch of his fellow travellers suddenly started a strong-arm act to relieve the others of their hard-earned wages.

BEAT THREE MEN

Fred used his knuckles against cash and boot. At the end the box-car was in a mess, but Fred still had his money!

In Philadelphia, on the strength of his physical culture experience and self-taught boxing ability, he got a job giving exhibitions in a sports store. He was amazed to find that he could more than hold his own with professional boxers.

When he turned professional Fred's patriotic instinct made him select "Welsh" as a substitute name.

But it was because of his change of name that when, returning to Britain in 1907 after building a big American reputation, he boxed and beat a redoubtable fighter known as Seaman Hayes, few people in Wales recognised the brilliant performer the young lad Thomas from Pontypridd.

But Fred got his welcome home to his native town all right. After a fifteen-round victory against a famous Londoner, Young Josephs, the fact that Fred was Welsh by birth as well as by name became universally known. When he came home to box at a hall in Pontypridd the place was packed.

I am not likely to forget that home debut. Fred fought three men one after the other—Even Hayes, Charlie Webber, and Gomer Morgan. He disposed of all three.

Shortly after winning the Welsh Lightweight Championship Fred returned to America. There he dropped a point's decision to Patric McFarland, but subsequently rocketed to the top. For three years from 1909 he met the best lightweights in the world and was never defeated.

But the reigning World Champion, Battling Nelson, and, after him, Ad Wolgate dodged contests with the boxer from Wales.

Disappointed, Fred returned to the UK just in time to challenge a fighter named Summers for the British title.

It was at the Clarence Theatre in Pontypridd, where Welsh trained for the Summers fight, that he caused consternation by his fantastic training methods.

CALLED A CRANK

Many called him a crank. For, while his eating was strictly vegetarian, wholemeal bread, nut butter, vegetables and nuts, and various fruits, he used to chew everything until the solids became liquid in his mouth before swallowing.

Even the milk he drank was only permitted to trickle down

Going back to America, in three years Fred met the greatest fighters in his division, with flying colours. But Nemesis was not on his trail. Three times the pair met. At the third clash, in New York, the ten years younger American three times smashed Fred to the canvas. The referee invited his corner to stop the slaughter, but Fred himself decided the issue. Bloodied, blinded, he dragged himself forward to meet Leonard's hardest punch yet flush on the chin. As gallant Fred dropped once more, the referee intervened.

Freddie Welsh made no comeback. He at once retired, and sank his earnings (close on £40,000) into a Health and Culture farm in New Jersey, USA.

But by June, 1927, he was bankrupt. Just six weeks later, penniless and broken-hearted, he died. He was just forty-one.

Next instalment: "Iron Man" of the ring was a joker.

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Birmingham Youngsters Will Get Chance

I MEAN TO DROP MY CUP STARS

Says ARTHUR TURNER

(Birmingham Manager)

I have just given a strange warning to my first-team lads—"Stand by to be dropped between now and Wembley." Every one of them understood that I have no option.

And I'll tell you why.... just the way I explained the position to them at a special conference after Wednesday's game at Chelsea.

There are several top-class youngsters at St Andrews, just itching for the chance to show what they can do in our League side.

Now is the time to blood them. There is no excuse not to do so. Our League position is safe. There are no outstanding problems, so why should I hold back?

If I failed to give these kids at least an odd game in the next few weeks, I would be breaking faith with them and the spirit of this club.

All along I've told them: "You know I will give you a break whenever there is the slightest chance."

So now you can expect to read of some bright new names in the City line-up. Let me introduce you to just a few of them.

READY

There's Brian Orritt, a 19-year-old engineer's apprentice, who came to us from Bangor eight weeks ago. In that short period he has made the jump from Cheshire League football through our "A" and reserve teams to be ready for a First Division League debut."

Orritt can play in either inside-forward position. A wonderful prospect. And I can tell you I've never regretted stepping in smurkily to sign him before at least six other League clubs

Home Ruggers Results

London, Apr. 3. Results of today's rugby games were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bailey 6, Castleford 16.

Bramley 10, Wakefield Trinity 12.

Featherstone Rovers 7, Huddersfield 7.

Keighley 22, York 5.

Doncaster 8, Hull 18.

Halifax 68, Hull Kingston Rovers 0.

RUGBY UNION

Cardiff 14, Northampton 11.

Exeter 12, Leicester 23.

Newbridge 6, Bridgend 3.

Pontypool 3, London Welsh 10.

Masteg 30, Notts 0.

Newbridge 6, Bridgend 3.

Aberavon 5, Llanelli 3.

Aberdare 25, Neath 0.

Bristol 9, Cheltenham 5.

EBBW Vale 18, University Athletic Union 0.

Lydycy 0, Gloucester 8.

Penzance 14, St Mary's Hospital 0.

Telghamouth 17, St Thomas Hospital 5. Reuter.

Inter-School Tennis

Following are the Inter-school tennis fixtures. All the matches will be played at the Chinese Recreation Club, Tel Hang, by kind permission, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Today 2.00 p.m.—Diocesan Boys vs. St. Joseph's; King's College vs. Queen's College.

April 8 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. Queen's College; St. Joseph's vs. King's College.

April 11 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—Diocesan Boys vs. Queen's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

April 19 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

April 26 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

May 3 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

May 10 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

May 17 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

May 24 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

May 31 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

June 7 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

June 14 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

June 21 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

June 28 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

July 5 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

July 12 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

July 19 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

July 26 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

August 2 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

August 9 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

August 16 (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

August 23 (Sunday) 10.30 a.m.—St Paul's Boys vs. King's College; Queen's vs. King's College.

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Zanzibar Grows 80 Per Cent Of World's Cloves

Cloves, and their by-products, are all important to Zanzibar, and its neighbouring island, Pemba.

These two green islands, which make up the Zanzibar Protectorate constitutionally ruled by Sultan Seyyid Sir Khalifa bin Harub and administered by Britain, produce about 80 per cent of the world's cloves.

Their uses are many. They give the tang and flavour to the Indonesian's cigarettes, for example, the spice to the Indian's curry, and to Mother's apple pie in Britain and elsewhere.

THIRD ENEMY

The clove itself, the dried, pungent flower-bud of a tall, dark green tree, leaves these shores in sacks to the tune of between 9,000 and 10,000 tons a year, humped and shovelled by ground, sweating labourers, laughing Afleem labourers in the port.

MAINSTAY

In return, cloves bring the Protectorate about £4,000,000 a year and are the mainstay of the economy.

Indonesia takes about 53 per cent of total exports to mix with cigarette tobacco. Indian imports represent about 32 per cent of the total, and the United States counts a poor third. Britain takes only about 2 per cent of the total exports, and small quantities are distributed to almost every country in the world.

The story of the clove industry in Zanzibar is not entirely a success story, however. The clove, which was introduced into Zanzibar at the end of the 18th century from either Mauritius or Bourbon—it came originally from the Moluccas—has had its ups and downs.

ARAB OWNERS

It was Seyyid Said-bin-Sultan, who ruled from 1804 to 1856, who laid the foundations of this industry. Finding that the clove tree flourished in these islands, he ordered every land owner to plant a certain proportion of cloves on parts of his possession.

Today most of the clove plantations are in the hands of Arabs. Last season, for example, the Arab owner of one of the finest plantations sold the crop on his trees as it stood for £10,000.

In 1872, a hurricane flattened two-thirds of Zanzibar's clove and coconut trees. Replanting, however, increased the output to a new peak. Then came a strange disease, nicknamed "sudden death," which attacked especially the old trees and swept through the plantations.

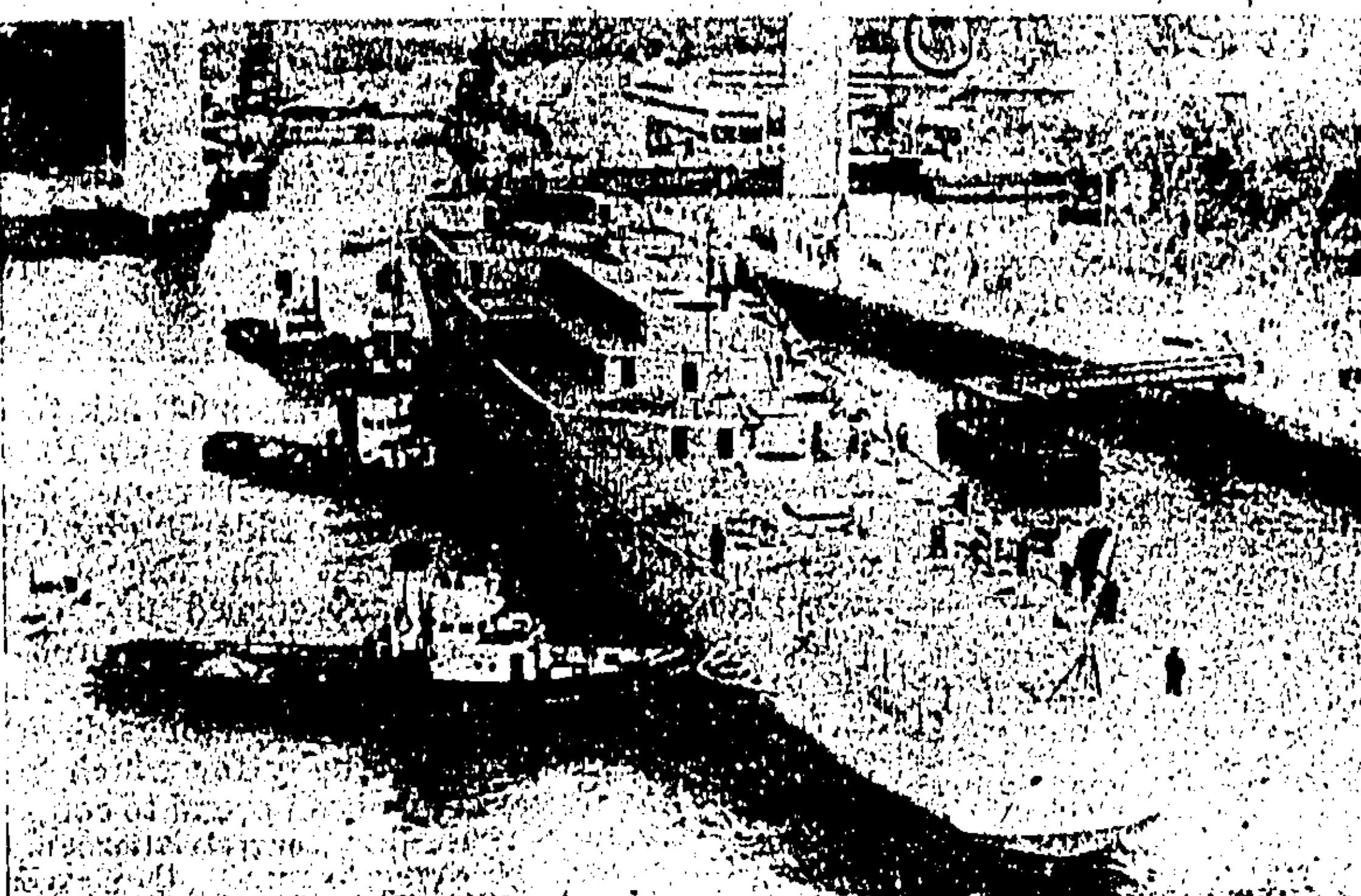
According to the general manager of the Clove Growers' Association, Mr. R. O. Williams, a former Director of Agriculture in Zanzibar, believes that the clove industry has largely won the battle against the "sudden death" pest by continuous replanting since the 1920's.

RESEARCH

Co-operation between the Clove Grower's Association and the Department of Agriculture, headed by Mr. Andrew Brant, has, since 1935, led to the distribution of about 2,000,000 seedlings. Many of them were given away. Mr. Brant wants to see even more intensive planting of clove trees.

The "sudden death" disease is still puzzling the experts. It seems to be transmitted from tree to tree. Much research has been done on a fungus known

New French Cruiser



CHILDREN SAVE TOWN

TOKYO, Apr. 3.
The mayor of Idemachi town
in Kyoto prefecture credits 27
primary school students for
saving the town from bankruptcy.

The town incurred debts
totalling 57,000,000 yen (£87,000
sterling) following a disastrous
flood in 1953 which caused
damage estimated at 2,500,000,000
yen (about £2,500,000), killed
108 persons, and washed away
105 houses.

A group of 8-year-old students
wrote a letter of sympathy to
the mayor enclosing Y300 (about
£8, sterling) saved from their
pocket money.

The gesture helped the town
obtain a 6,000,000 yen (£8,000
sterling) loan from a bank when
the mayor used the story to soften
the hearts of bank officials.—
China Mail Special.

In this part of Arctic
Norway, the sea and the
weather are seldom warm
enough to encourage sun
bathing.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



Desire For Change Stirs Spaniards

Many Would Like
To See
Future Defined

Madrid, Apr. 3.

Recent events in Spain have shown that a desire for change is stirring the nation.

Growing prosperity, American aid, a minimum of industrial unemployment and expectation that tourists this year will top the million mark, are combining to produce a feeling that the country must now adopt long term political and economic policies.

General Francisco Franco, Spain's "caudillo," now in his twentieth year of leadership, is expected to respond to the desire for change by introducing legislation to take care of the situation when he ceases to rule.

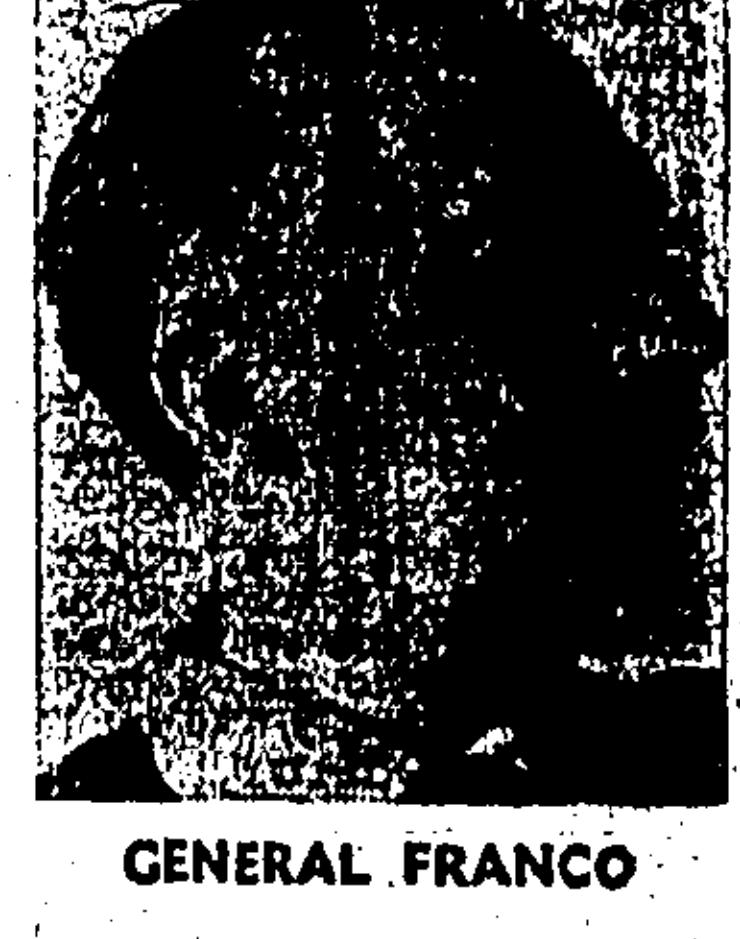
Today, General Franco is Head of State, Prime Minister, head of the Falange party, and head of the armed forces.

Three Forces

The three operative political forces in Spain today, namely, the Falange Party (the only authorised political movement) and Signor De Gasperi in Italy could well be repeated by Catholics here in Spain.

The general impression is that Catholic circles have already formed a "Shadow Cabinet."

The Monarchists are divided. Some favour Prince Juan Carlos. Others insist that his father,



GENERAL FRANCO

Don Juan must be king. Still others demand the restoration of the Carlist Bourbon line in the person of Princess Xavier. This division of opinion weakens them as a group.

Political observers here believe that General Franco will form a new Cabinet within the next few months and that he will try to allay ambitions by making it a Cabinet of "national concentration," including Falangists, Catholics and Monarchists together with a sprinkling of technicians.

More Resented

Great interest will centre on which group gets the Ministry of Information. This Ministry operates the censorship, which many consider now to be unnecessary.

Probably no measure of the Franco Government in recent times has caused such deep repercussions in Spain as the recent suspension by the Ministry of Information of two cultural reviews, entitled *Indice* and *Insula* respectively. They were apparently suspended because they published articles favourable to liberal writers such as Ortega Gasset, Pio Baroja and Juan Ramon Jimenez.

Commentators contrasted this suppression of opinion with the publication, during the same period, of a violent attack upon General Casado and Pio Baroja by Bishop Zavala de Vicente in the Catholic review *Eclesia*, under the title "The Last Mentality and the Slink of Freemasonry."

A leading Falangist figure and one of Spain's leading contemporary poets, Senor Dionisio Ridruejo, wrote a letter protesting against the suspensions to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. This letter was suppressed by the censorship, but it has been distributed clandestinely all over Spain.

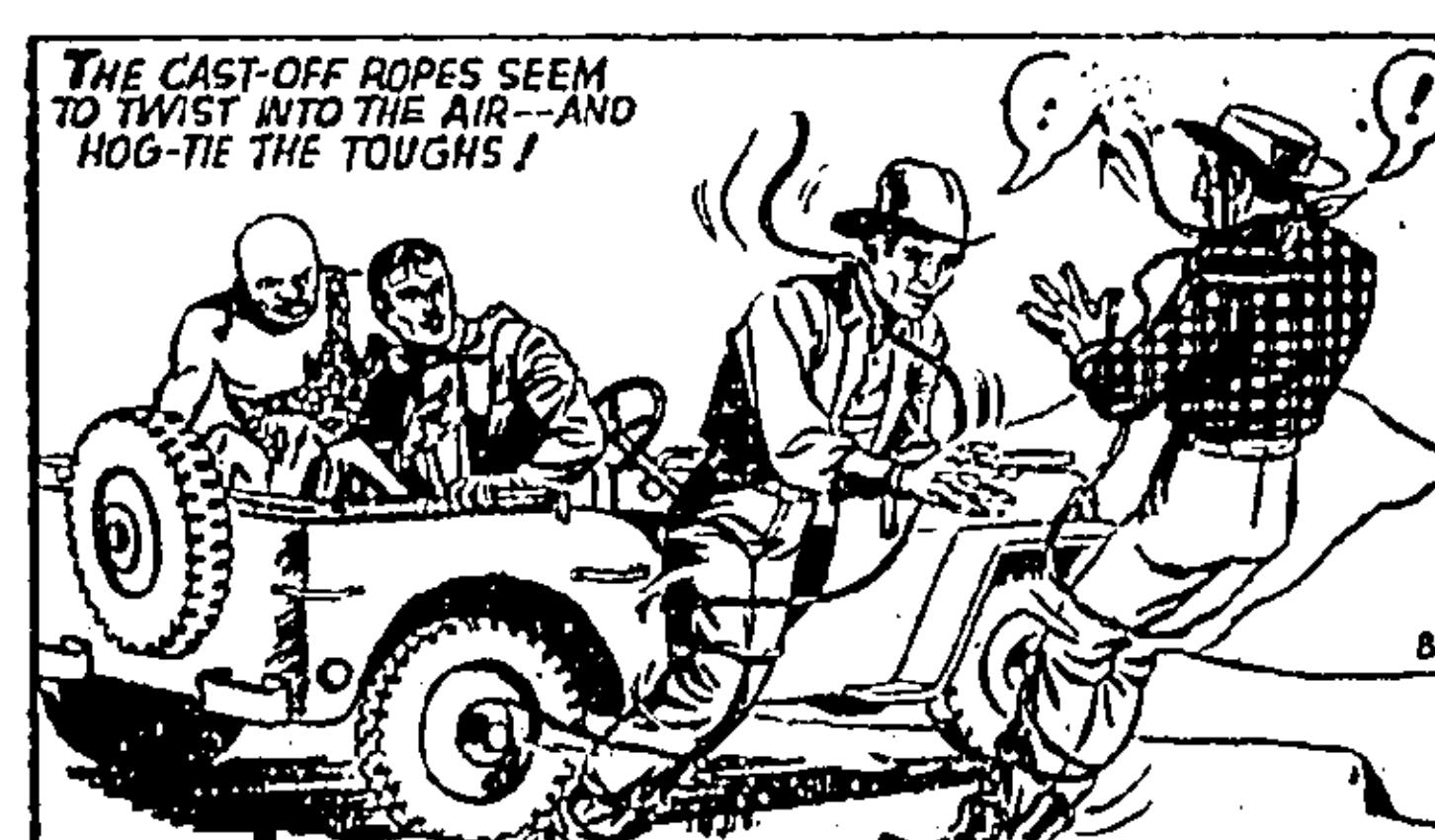
Senor Ridruejo, who fought against Russia in World War II as a volunteer in the Spanish Blue Division, wrote: "It should be understood that the suspension of the two reviews means that those who work for harmony among Spaniards lose all their arguments."

Violent Clash

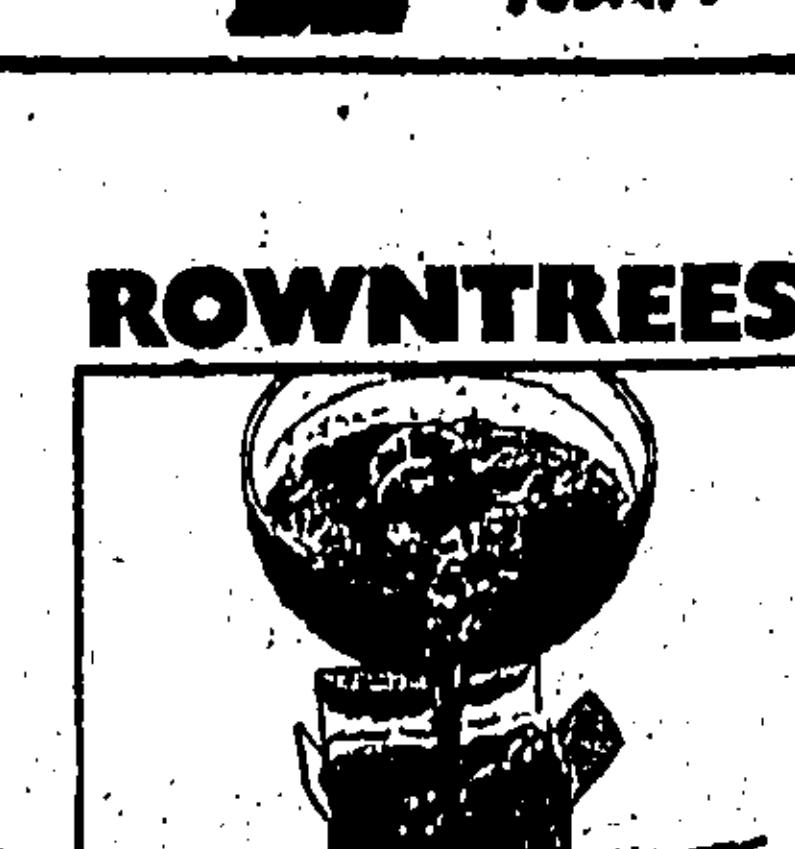
"Any writer with dignity will feel that to exercise his mission becomes monstrous when the right to express themselves is taken away from his fellow-writers."

This violent clash of opinion between the Catholic Church and important figures of Madrid's cultured classes is likely to cause General Franco some trouble in the future.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



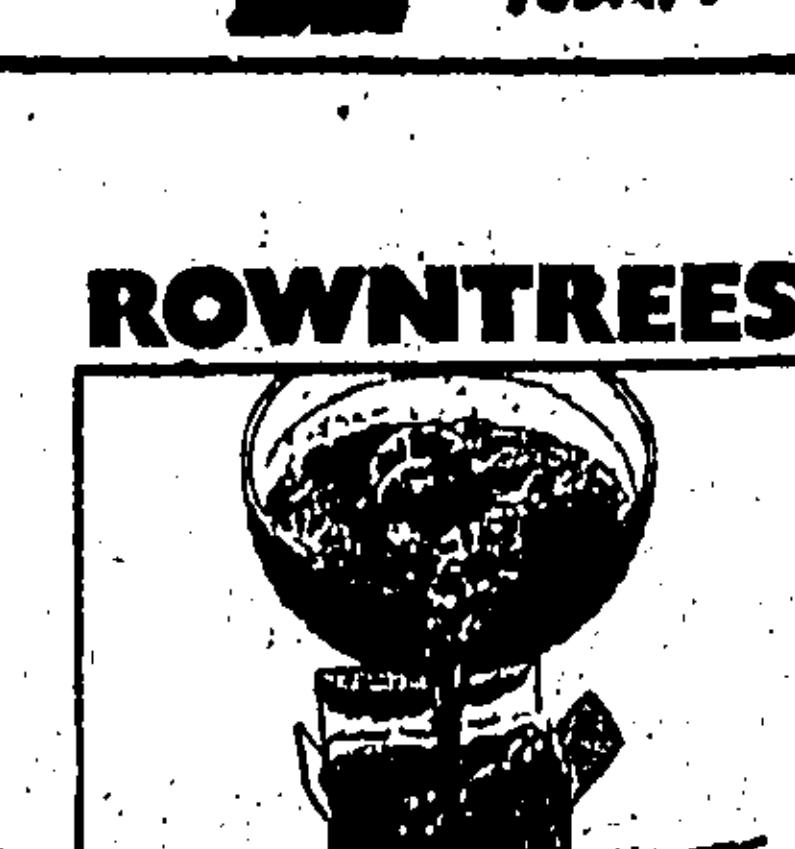
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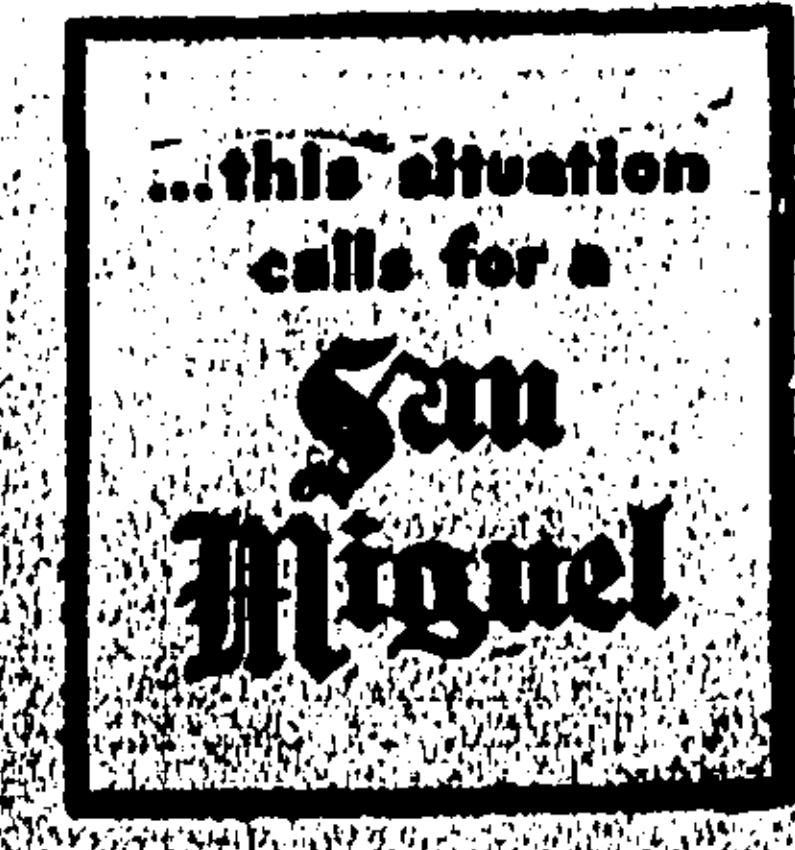


By Ernie Bushmiller



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UN Council To Consider New World Calendar

Ottawa, Apr. 3.

When the United Nations Economic and Social Council meets in New York next week, one of the main items will be a revised world calendar—which includes an extra day's holiday for everyone.

Arthur Hills, President of the International World Calendar Association, said in an interview today that 1961 would be a good year to introduce the new static calendar and that by 1967, Canada's Centenary, everyone should have adopted it.

"Even Russia has spoken favourably of it at the UN meetings," he said. "The only thing now is to make sure that they don't introduce an eight-day week to boost their five-year plans and upset the applecart."

JAMIE is an artist, and he is a Scot. He is, besides, a man of passion and fervour, as so many artists and Scots are and have been, to the ultimate good of their fellows. Within Jamie, fire burns that cannot be damped, which prevent him from ever doing anything by halves.

Had he been content, as he never would be, to sit before his easel on some wild northern moor (surroundings which would have suited his craggy figure very well) and paint pictures like The Monarch of the Glen, Jamie might have prospered as an artist.

But his eye leaped further than most men's, and he saw more than they did, and painted what he saw. These sort of paintings are not too easy to sell.

CHESTNUTS

SO, to live, Jamie from time to time has to turn his hand to other occupations—the other evening he sold chestnuts in the Strand.

Jamie acted as agent for the proprietor of a chestnut barrow, taking over the business while its owner was away.

With tremendous zest, Jamie opened his sales campaign, thrusting through the rush-hour crowds with his bags of chestnuts. A policeman saw him at work, and approached him. "You mustn't do this," the policeman said. "You're obstructing the free passage of the footway."

Jamie nodded; the policeman moved away. Ten minutes later, he came back. Jamie was still at work. "I'm arresting you," the policeman said. "Obstruction."

NO QUESTIONS

A T Bow Street, next morning, Jamie, plucked not guilty to the charge. The policeman told his story. "Any questions?" the magistrate asked Jamie.

Jamie took a piece of paper from his pocket. "I'd like you to have a look at this," he said.

"It's a rough plan..."

"This is the time for questions, you can say what you want to say in a minute."

"Oh, I've no questions as such," said Jamie. He went to the witness box.

"Look," he said, "as soon as the man as owns the barrows had gone, this office comes up to me and says have I got a licence, so I say no."

"Now in all fairness," said Jamie, "did you ever see a man standing in the middle of the pavement holding chestnuts what was just off the hot plate?"

"It's no good asking me," said the magistrate.

WHY NOT ARREST HIM?

"THEN there's another thing," Jamie went on. "The man who owns the barrow was in the same position afterwards, selling chestnuts, and the constable saw him. Why didn't he arrest him?"

"Is that all you have to say?"

"Aye, I think that's about all."

"Very well, I accept the police evidence," the magistrate said. He asked if anything were known to Jamie's detriment.

"Nothing," Jamie replied. "I perfectly sure people like to buy chestnuts," the magistrate observed, "but it's no good selling them in the middle of the pavement in the rush hour. Absolute discharge."

BURNING

"LISTEN!" cried Jamie, "can I say something?"

"No," said the magistrate firmly. Jamie was led away, a pointer within whom fires burned hot enough to set the world of art alight, were that world better kindling, who had come near to burning his fingers in more senses than one.

BOY INJURED

A five-year-old Chinese boy—Luk Wing-lit of No. 139 Jaffe Road, around floor—sustained injuries when he was knocked down by a private motor car in Jaffe Road near its junction with O'Brien Road at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

The boy was taken to hospital for treatment where he is now detained.

Women Victimised

At 2 a.m. today, a Chinese woman had her wristwatch snatched from her whilst walking in Queen's Road West. Another Chinese woman, walking in Waterloo Road, had her gold earring stolen at 3.10 p.m. yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembrance Day Fund

Sir—Once again in support of the 1955 Appeal for Earl Haig's Fund the British Legion is sponsoring a Gala Film Premiere. This year, through the courtesy of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation and the New York Theatre, we are pleased to present on Thursday, April 12, at 9.45 p.m. the British Technicolor Comedy "The Lady Killers".

This is a gangster comedy with Alec Guinness in the lead, ably supported by a cast comprising, amongst others, Cecil Parker and Herbert Lom.

His Excellency The Governor and Lady Grantham have kindly consented to attend, as well as the Service Commanders.

Prior to the Show, (through the kind permission of Lt. Col. P.S. Clement-Smith & Officers), the Band of the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment will entertain.

Seats are available from me at 217 Queen's Building (Chater Road) at \$10, \$5 and \$3 each until April 8, and thereafter at the Theatre. Early booking has been brisk, but there are still some seats available.

As has been the custom in past years, the British Legion has distributed amongst Service personnel and members of the Merchant Navy some 600 free tickets which are being donated by the Public.

I therefore trust your readers will support this function and thereby help a most worthy cause and I particularly hope that everyone will give an evening's entertainment to one or more Servicemen by sending to me at 317 Queen's Building, \$3 each Serviceman's ticket.

K. B. ALLPORT,
Hon. Secretary,
British Legion (Hongkong & China Branch)

Radio Hongkong

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6. Time Signal and Programme
Request: 600, Jockey Club Variety
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Robinson and his Concert Orch.;
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9. Weather Report; 10. News (London Relay); 10.50
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Interviewed by: Timothy Birch; 13.50
14.50, "Going to the Pictures"; 15. In which a review
is given of current films showing in Hongkong with Audrey
Menden in the Chair (Recorded); 15.30, Your Radio Concert Hall;
16. News (London Relay); 16.30, Barlow Chorus and Orchestra; 9.
Time Signal. Thirty-minute Theatre;
The Sixth Alternative by Harold
M. Hartley; 17.50, Musical
Fortunat (BBCFT); 18.20, Musical
Notes from a Tourist's Sketchbook;
The World Symphony Orchestra;
Summer Opera; Orchestras; 19.30, A
Book at Your bedside; "My Cousin
Jack" by Antonia Ridge; Read by
Audrey Menden (Recorded); 19.45
Weather Report; 11. Time
Signal. Radio News (London Goodnight Music;

11.30 Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2. Variety Call; the
Time; 3. Wednesday Call; the
All Brahma Concert programme; "Variety"
on a Theme of Heyday;
4. 50th Anniversary of the
Minor. On. 45. Tea for Two;
4.50. Strictly Instrumental; 5.
Children's Corner—Conducted by
Peter Paton; 6. Children's
Request; Presented by Betty; 6.50
Birthday Mailbag; 7. Music from
Germany; 8. Musical Quiz with
Gordon; 9. The Good Will Showtime
Serenade; 7. Personality
Parade—Bing Crosby; 7.15, Ralph
Flanagan and His Orchestra; 7.20,
Curtain Call; 7.30, The Weather
Report; 8. Time Signal and the News; 8.00
Weather Report and Announcements;
18. 20, Your Radio Concert Hall;
Erico Caruso; 8.30, Hongkong Rediffusion
takes listeners on a Picture-tour
of Asia; 9. White Tie and Tail
Take It from Here; 10.30, Music
from the Champagne Room; 11.
Midnight in Madison; 11.30, The
Queen's Close Down.

Army Officers' Trial Date Fixed

Two Army Officers, Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Captain Harry Curtis, 40, both of the Royal Engineers, and the Chinese manager of the Shun Hing Construction Company, Chau Chung-sang, appeared before Judge W. T. Charles of Kowloon District Court on charges in connection with alleged corruption.

All the three defendants pleaded not guilty to the respective charges and date fixed for hearing of their cases was set for June 4 at 10 a.m.

Mr Desmond Mayne appeared

for the Crown in the case.

The two Army Officers were repre-

sented by Mr. J. C. B. Black

of Hastings and Company, and

Chau Chung-sang who was repre-

sented by Mr. K. Y. Yung of F.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1956.

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"Most of these people know you're an undertaker—so don't pull your old joke about looking up new business!"

Man Charged With Driving Offences

Allegations of driving a car while under the influence of liquor or drugs in Central district in November last year, were made by the Crown, when Cheung Wing-nok, was charged on two alternative counts of traffic offences before Mr. M. Morley-John at Central this morning.

The defendant was alleged to have driven an MG saloon in Chater Road on November 28, under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle. He was also charged with an alternative count of dangerous driving.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

He was represented by Mr. Brook, A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. W. I. Cheung, of Messrs Peter Sin and Co. Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

In his opening, Mr. Collier said just after 11.30 p.m. on November 28, Sub-Inst. Eric Blackburn, riding a motor cycle along Jackson Road, noticed a car travelling in Chater Road at a speed of about 15 miles an hour. It showed no rear light. He then saw the driver of the car turning his head in his direction, and the car then accelerated to a speed of 40 miles an hour, swerved round from Chater Road to Murray Road and finally stopped in Queen's Road.

The defendant was then charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent of not being capable of driving a car. For that reason, Mr. Collier called on, at 12.25 a.m., he decided to charge the defendant. At 2 a.m., the defendant was bailed out in \$500.

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The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered letters sent to Hongkong via G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, are also indicated by figures at the local offices.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the above. Postmen, however, will continue to act according to the community and the Chinese communities overseas, the fact remains that the yeoman's services rendered by the successive annual Boards of Directors preceding us in rising above countless difficulties and in unstinted contributions in terms of time, money and energy have built Tung Wah into what it is today. We are both awed and touched by their towering achievement.

A New 12-Storey Kwong Wah Hospital Planned

Finishing touches have been made on the drawings and the scale model for a redeveloped 12-storey Kwong Wah Hospital it was disclosed this morning at the inauguration ceremonies of the incoming Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.

The Hon. T. N. Chau officiated at the ceremony which was largely attended.

In his speech to the assembled gathering, Mr. P. T. Loong, chairman of the new Board of Directors said:

We are gathered here today to witness the inauguration of the newly elected Incoming Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals for the year 1956-1957. We are deeply honoured by the gracious presence of the Honourable T. N. Chau to officiate at the ceremony and by the kind attendance of so many of our honourable guests. On behalf of the new Board, I have the pleasure of offering you all our heartfelt thanks.

As long as 80 years have already elapsed since the Tung Wah Hospitals first came into being and this lengthy period has been marked by tremendous difficulties and vicissitudes. During this time, two world wars broke out and many internal strife raged next doors on the China mainland. But throughout all these this institution has never for a single day fallen down on its efforts to bring the sick and poor and of victims of war to the succour of the medical staffs of the Tung Wah Hospitals.

The name of Tung Wah has now come to be synonymous with a long record of extensive charitable endeavours. While this is due largely to the active support on the part of this community and the Chinese communities overseas, the fact remains that the yeoman's services rendered by the successive annual Boards of Directors preceding us in rising above countless difficulties and in unstinted contributions in terms of time, money and energy have built Tung Wah into what it is today. We are both awed and touched by their towering achievement.

In the realm of free education, whenever circumstances permit, a programme of gradual replacement of old school premises by new ones will be undertaken and enrolment capacity will be enlarged.

Should advantage be seen in a merger of some of our existing schools or, conversely, in the establishment of an additional one, action will follow accordingly wherever feasible.

In our opinion, the welfare of our working staff should by no means be overlooked. Construction of new quarters for the staff attached to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital has already advanced beyond the planning stage and is expected to be completed within our term of office. Quarterly for the staff of the Tung Wah Hospital and the Kwong Wah Hospital, respectively, will be conducted by the Government and we shall strive to be worthy of the trust placed in us by the community.

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